

Senate Resolution 107 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

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1 A Resolution supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan
2 as a part of the global community.

3 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has achieved
4 economic and social stability and in the last two
5 decades has been lauded as a beacon of democracy for
6 Asia, has dramatically improved its record on human
7 rights, and has taken great steps forward to enter the
8 world arena as a trusted partner; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international
10 organizations dealing with climate change has impeded
11 Taiwan's ability to respond to natural disasters like
12 Typhoon Morakot, which struck Taiwan in the summer
13 of 2009, an unusually destructive typhoon season in
14 the Pacific that was possibly exacerbated by climate
15 change, and in turn, the global initiative to tackle
16 climate change has been impaired by the lack of
17 participation of Taiwan, the world's 17th largest
18 economy; and

19 WHEREAS, the Taiwan government is grateful for
20 the assistance and condolences of the international
21 community in the wake of Typhoon Morakot in 2009, as
22 dozens of international organizations and nations
23 stepped up to help, including the United States, which
24 supplied military equipment for rescue and recovery
25 operations, the European Union, Japan, and the Chinese
26 mainland; and

27 WHEREAS, aviation safety has become a major global
28 concern since 2001, and Taiwan is a key air transport

1 hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with over 1.35 million
2 flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information
3 Region, and with the world's 15th-largest airport by
4 cargo volume, Taoyuan International Airport; and

5 WHEREAS, the Taiwan government has undertaken a
6 policy of "flexible diplomacy" in its international
7 relations and a pragmatic approach to China, having
8 completed a number of cross-strait liberalization
9 measures, including regular, direct passenger
10 flights between mainland China and Taiwan and other
11 goodwill measures, resulting in reciprocal gestures
12 and rapprochement between Taipei and Beijing; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate
15 affirms its support for the participation of Taiwan
16 in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
17 Change (UNFCCC) and the International Civil Aviation
18 Organization (ICAO) to increase Taiwan's international
19 space and contribution to the global community; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
21 the Senate is hereby directed to send a copy of this
22 Resolution to Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State of
23 the United States; Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer of
24 the UNFCCC; Secretary General Raymond Benjamin of the
25 ICAO; and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
26 Chicago, Illinois.